GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT DUTY ON RUBBER AND OTHER CROPS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have received any representation from Kerala Government regarding increase in import duty for rubber; coir and other commercial crops for the benefit of its producers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action to open the tea estates in the State of Kerala which were abandoned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) Representations have been received from the Government of Kerala, various Members of Parliament and planters` associations for increasing the import duty/bound rate of duty on Natural Rubber. In respect of coir no representation for increase in import duty has been received.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. However as an interim measure, the Government of Kerala has allowed supply of ration and medical facilities to the workers of the abandoned tea estates and also deferred the agricultural income tax.